



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 25-1528, **Agenda Item #:** 43.

8/28/2025

Posting Language

Authorize a contract for vacuum interrupter switches for Austin Energy with Techline Inc., for a term of two years with up to three one-year extension options in an amount not to exceed \$10,000,000. Funding: \$166,667 is available in the Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

Client Department(s)

Austin Energy.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$166,667 is available in the Operating Budget of Austin Energy.

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Purchasing Language:

The Financial Services Department issued an Invitation for Bids solicitation IFB 1100 CPG1000 for these goods. The solicitation was issued on April 28, 2025, and closed on May 27, 2025. Of the three offers received, the recommended contractor submitted the lowest responsive offer. A complete solicitation package, including a tabulation of the bids received, is available for viewing on the City's website. This information can currently be found at https://financeonline.austintexas.gov/afo/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=141060.

MBE/WBE:

This solicitation will be awarded in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9B (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). For the goods required for this solicitation, there were no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no goals were established.

For More Information:

Direct questions regarding this Recommendation for Council Action to the Financial Services Department - Central Procurement at FSDCentralProcurementRCAs@austintexas.gov or 512-974-2500. Respondents to the solicitation and their Agents should direct all questions to the Authorized Contact Person identified in the solicitation.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

August 11, 2025 - Recommended by the Electric Utility Commission on an 8-0 vote with Commissioners Alvarez and Reed off the dais and Chair Tuttle absent.

Additional Backup Information:

This contract will provide vacuum interrupter switches that safely stop the flow of electricity during abnormal conditions such as short circuits or overloads by quickly breaking the connection inside a sealed vacuum, which prevents sparks and damage. Vacuum interrupter switches are a main component of load switches, generator circuit-breakers, medium-voltage circuit-breakers, and high-voltage circuit-breakers. Austin Energy will use them on an as-needed basis to replace units as that reach their end of life and for new project installations.

If Council does not approve the contract, restoration of power outages may be impacted.

Contract Details:

Contract Term	Length of Term	Contract Authorization
Initial Term	2 years	\$4,000,000
Optional Extension 1	1 year	\$2,000,000
Optional Extension 2	1 year	\$2,000,000
Optional Extension 3	1 year	\$2,000,000
Total	5 years	\$10,000,000

Note: Contract Authorization amounts are based on the City's estimated annual usage.